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EP 0 373 331	Discloses method of and apparatus for manipulating stacks of paper sheets in wrapping machines.
US 4,502,592	Discloses apparatus for intermittently transporting stacks of paper sheets or the like.
EP 1,231,168	Discloses line for conveying a panel of wood or similar.
US 2,502,374	Discloses bag stacking and bundling machine.
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